

**REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL FORESTRY COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 – 5:00 P.M.  
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call. CHAIRMAN Kenneth A. Fish called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Roll Call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenneth A. Fish, Tony Waupochick, Walter Cox and Todd Every. MEMBERS ABSENT: Rebecca Alegria (excused), Al Pyatskowit and David Oshkosh.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes dated July 31, 2007, August 15, 2007 and August 22, 2007.

In the August 22, 2007 minutes the acronym is NEPA not MEPA.

**Motion made by Walter Cox to approve the minutes dated July 31, 2007, August 15, 2007 and August 22, 2007. Second was by Tony Waupochick. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed and 3 absent (Alegria, Pyatskowit and Oshkosh).**

4. Draft Natural Disturbance/Emergency Situations-Response and Management.

Chris Caldwell gave the committee an update on the draft. It was reviewed by the Forest Management Plan Workgroup (MTE Fire Program, Forestry Program, Trust Resources, Environmental Services, Fish and Wildlife Services) to further define the document.

Mr. Caldwell informed the committee that this plan will be considered the natural resource management part of the Emergency Government Basic Plan. It will not overlap the Emergency Government Basic Plan, but add to it.

The committee had questions on how to identify an incident commander. A brief explanation was provided and included talk that the first person on scene is considered the Incident Commander until the incident has been finished or more experienced personnel is required.

The natural resource management group will work to conduct table top exercises to test this plan. Further information will be provided to the LEPC to keep them apprised of these efforts. Two scenarios are being looked at as table top exercises; the tornado in 1984 (structures were in this tornado) and the tornado from June 2007 (no threat to human life or structures).

The committee discussed allowable costs for the June 2007 tornado that the BIA might approve for the clean up of the tornado area. This plan will also identify which departments should be assigned to what area.

The draft should be ready for committee approval at the next meeting.

**Motion made by Tony Waupochick to accept the status report as presented by Chris Caldwell. Second was made by Walter Cox. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Alegria, Pyatskowit and Oshkosh).**

5. Strategic Plan Development of BIA Narrative Report for June 2007 Blow down.

Mr. Caldwell informed the committee that he will be incorporating this report into his annual report that is required by the BIA. He is waiting for updates on invoices that have been submitted and updated information in order to complete his report.

6. Update List of Committee Issues.

Chris Caldwell gave the committee a list of topics for the upcoming months. They are as follows:

October – Amend Ordinance 06-29 “Communications Protocol”; continue working on the Natural Disturbance Emergency Response Plan; and review the legal opinions on the US Trust Responsibility in regards to Menominee Forest.

November – Amend Ordinance 05-22 “Trial Logging Practice Limitations” and receive an update on the Forest Management Plan revisions.

December – Answer forestry question regarding BIA TAAMS (Trust Asset Accounting Management System) and the proposed forum for the Annual General Council on Forestry.

This committee agreed to this timetable and will wait for further instructions from the General Council before this committee develops a working formula for the stumpage ordinance.

7. Other Business.

**Motion made by Todd Every to set the next meeting for October 23, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Second was by Tony Waupochick. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Alegria, Pyatskowit and Oshkosh).**

8. Adjournment.

**Motion made by Tony Waupochick/Walter Cox to adjourn the meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder/Transcriber